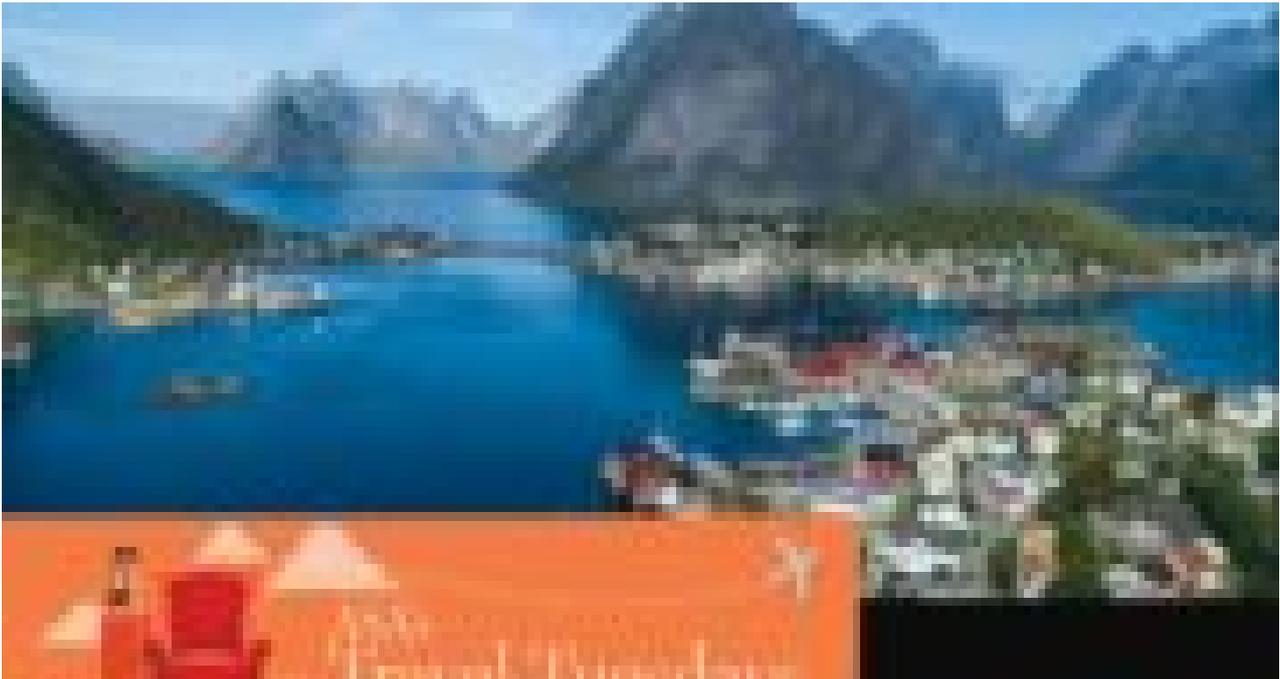


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Norway and the Lofoten Archipelago

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Many of you will know of Audhumla, the primeval cow who licked the frozen Norse world into shape. But what about the frankly bonkers battle cows of the Viking armies or the bewitched zombie bulls of the sagas? And while you may have seen depictions of the Norse goddess Freyja in her chariot drawn by cats, chances are you haven't heard of the demonic black cats of the Viking wizard Thorolf Sledgehammer. You might be familiar with the role of the wolf Fenrir in the Norse Apocalypse, but what about the doomed dogs who protect the family farms or the slaving hounds who guard the gates to hell?

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